

Events of '98

► COMMERCIAL BUSES headed for Reno get a mechanical inspection by Valley Division's Commercial Enforcement Unit in August on Interstate 80 at the Gold Run rest stop.

(Colfax Record photo by Gloria Beverage)



◄ SMOKE AND FLAMES from burning gasoline tanker truck billow over Ventura Freeway on December 20 in Westlake Village as a pedestrian gallops away from the scene.

(Photo by Steen Davies)



► ONE PERSON DIED and 11 others were injured in a 38-vehicle pileup December 17 on Interstate 5 north of Sacramento. The series of crashes occurred in heavy early-morning fog.



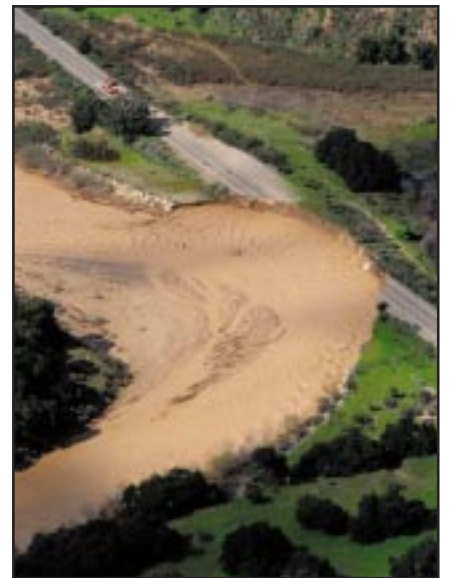


◀ CHP RESCUE WORKERS on February 25 dig out the bodies of Officers Rick Stovall and Britt Irvine. Their car plunged off a 300-foot washout on Highway 166 east of Santa Maria and into the El-Nino-swollen Cuyama River (lower photo). Dispatchers last talked to the officers as they responded to a disabled vehicle call at 2:30 a.m. during a storm.

(San Luis Obispo Telegram-Tribune photo by Jayson Mellom)

SUITED UP ▶ officer gives three-year-old Bruce Cooper a surprise visit and a toy truck from “Chipper,” the CHP mascot, on a Christmas Eve trip to Children’s Hospital in Oakland.

(Oakland Tribune photo by Laura A. Oda)



▲ *(San Luis Obispo Telegram-Tribune photo by Robert Dyer)*